



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS**

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Wednesday, October 22, 2014

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-4794)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio,
Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and
Commissioner Donald S. Andrews

Excused: Commissioner Anne S. Hill and Commissioner Susan Burton

Staff present: Bolaji Famuyiwa and Jenny Kimbell (14-4795)

Call to Order. (14-4741)

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a
moment of silence.**

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the October 15, 2014 Minutes. (14-4742)

On motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Vice Chairperson Frank Bacio and unanimously carried, this item was approved with the following addition:

- **Commissioner Grills expressed concern regarding the trends of group homes in the Second District closing. Commissioner Grills stated that the Second District is an area of disproportionate representation of African American and Latino children in the foster care system and the area with the largest percentage of group homes closing. She also inquired if the Department of Children and Family Services has conducted an internal audit to determine if there is an**

ample amount of group homes in the Second District, and if not, is there a plan to address the issue. She further stated that placing children in the valley areas will be a disruption of family reunification with parents located in South Central Los Angeles.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

2. Chairperson's Report on various items for October 22, 2014. (14-4743)

Chair Montaña shared the following articles with the Commissioners:

Daily Breeze:

- **Guardian Angels Surprise Teen (October 17, 2014)**
- **Jim McDonnell for Sheriff in L.A. County (October 19, 2014)**

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3. Treasurer's Report for October 22, 2014. (14-4744)

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund remains at \$260.15.

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for October 22, 2014. (14-4745)

There was no report presented.

5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on October 22, 2014. (14-4746)

In Compliance:

Commissioner Grills visited:

- **Touch of Life Group Home (59th Place, Los Angeles, CA) on October 20, 2014.**

6. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from October 16, 2014 to October 21, 2014. (14-4747)

During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited:

- **Project Six/Help Group (Saticoy Street, Van Nuys, CA) on October 16, 2014.**
- **Penny Lane (Osborne Street, Arleta, CA) on October 20, 2014.**
- **Optimist Boy's Home (Burnet Ave., Van Nuys, CA) on October 21, 2014.**

Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioner Bigby visited:

- **David and Margaret House (Third Street, La Verne, CA) on October 16, 2014.**

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

7. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-4748)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-4749)

Mr. Ken Star, Charles Ziarko and John Rangel, Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury, addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

9. Adjournment for the meeting of October 22, 2014. (14-4750)

There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of October 22, 2014 at 11:37 a.m.